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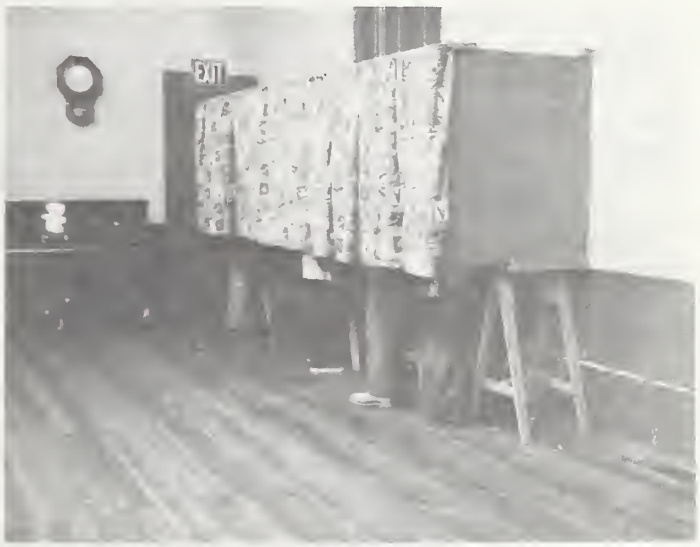
Wetlands Acquire a Guardian

Ninety acres of Wendell wetland was recently purchased from Albert Haskins by the Connecticut River Watershed Council. The area was acquired by the Council in order to preserve it as a nesting ground for a most unusual guest to Franklin County, the Great Blue Heron.

Terry Blunt, speaking for the Connecticut River Watershed Council, explained to the 'Post' that the Council was concerned about possible threats to this unique wetland, both by private development and by the proposed MDC Water Diversion Project, which would divert water from the Connecticut River to the Quabbin by means of a tunnel. The Council is a strong opponent to the MDC's proposed plan to use the area as a dump for stone brought up from the tunnel. The Council suggests that the MDC study further their other alternatives, one such area being Bullard Hill.

With their recent purchase the Council now owns 80% of the drainage basin of Osgood Brook, or 1,100 acres, including the Wet Stone Brook Sanctuary. According to Mr. Blunt, the new acquisition will not be posted against trespassing or hunting, although he is quite concerned that the nesting grounds not be disturbed.

Mr. Blunt also volunteered that some townspeople may be worried about more land being dropped from the tax roles, as the new purchase will be. He offered the information that nation wide studies have been done in regard to this issue, and that in the long run towns can afford the loss of revenue because this type of land usage requires no town services, as opposed to needs placed upon the town by private development,such as improved roads, police and fire protection, and education and travel expenses for children.



Voting booth concealed, tally revealed Wendell's unique results in State General Elections.

Wendell Votes In General Election

Wendell voters followed most state-wide trends with the notable exceptions of the governor's race and the Franklin-Hampshire County D.A. contest. Joining most of the rest of western Massachusetts, Wendell gave the governor-elect Edward King a 157-60 vote of no confidence.

In a losing battle, Leverett and Shutesbury allied with Wendell to vote for Johnathon Souweine 127-94, who lost by a landslide in Franklin Co. to State Rep. Tom Simons. Wendell also supported Robert Carmody for sheriff, 101 votes to winner Don McQuade's 79. In the rest of the races town voters rode the Democratic victory tide that swept the state this year.

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Little Halloweeners observed the spooky holiday at a party held by the Ladies Aide at the Wendell Townhall. Among the throng were Chad and Cain Blackbird, disguised as Raggety Ann and Raggety Andy.

Big Halloweeeners also were to be found in Wendell. At Maple Valley School, staff member Annie Coach transformed Troy Martin into a sad-eyed clown in preparation for a school field trip.

General Election Cont.

In Wendell, 59% of the registered voters (226 out of 381) cast ballots November 7, 1978, compared to 64% in Franklin Co. as a whole.

Following trends in Franklin Co. and in the Commonwealth, Wendell approved all ballot questions but the one on charter commissions. Tax relief amendments and the anti-busing amendments were the most widely favored ballot questions.

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Opinion

Experience teaches that none can guide
the community;
The community is collaboration;
such as, thought shows, it cannot be led
by the strength of one man.
To order it, is to set it in disorder;
To fix it, is to unsettle it.
For the conduct of the individual changes;
Here goes forward, there goes back;
Here shows warmth, there shows cold;
Here exerts strength,
there displays weakness;
Here stirs passion, there brings peace.

And so...
The perfected one
shuns desire for power,
shuns the lure of power,
shuns the glamour of power.

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1978 General Election Results

* Elected

U.S. Senate
Brooke (R)-105
Tsongas (D)-114*

Gov/Lt. Gov.
Hatch & Cowin (R) -157
King & O'Neil (D) -60*

Attorney General
Bellotti (D)-166*
Weld (R)-39

Secretary
Connolly (D)-121*
Sears (R)-62

Treasurer
Crane (D)-133*
Crampton (R)-53

Auditor
Buczko (D)-116*
O'Brien (R)-63

Representative in Congress
Conte (R)-155*

Councilor
Turo (D)-98*
Harvey (R)-57

Senator in General Court
Wetmore (D)-157*

Representative in General Court
Benson (D)-167*
Levitch (R)-49

District Attorney
Simons (R)-94*
Souwiene (D)-127

Register of Probate and Insolvency
Barrett (D)-123*
LaChance (R)-73

County Commissioner
Hatch (D)-145*

County Treasurer
Powers (D)-146*

Sheriff
Carmody (R)-101
McQuade (D)-79*
Cascone-25

Ballot Questions	YES	NO
1. Classification	166	54
2. Governor's Budget	137	64
3. Voter Information	142	62
4. State-Federal Census	121	58
5. Charter Commissions	89	94
6. School Assignments	145	63
7. Recreation Spaces Tax	126	72
8. Non-binding Tax Cut	148	33

Wendell Energy Committee Report

The wind is a never ending source of energy that we can make use of if properly equipped. In case of power failure a wind driven D.C. Generator with a battery and inverter will supply electricity for lighting and television or radios. This installation, complete with 10' tower, will cost $860.00, and is the smallest and lowest in cost available. The size ranges up to 10,000 watts, which will provide enough power (exclusive of heat) for any home at a cost of many thousands of dollars.

A modern type of wood stove that will comfortably heat a house of several rooms has a heat chamber entirely separate from the fire box. A motor driven fan picks up cool air from the floor area, circulates it thru the ducts adjacent to the area of primary heat and delivers it under pressure into the room. As this warm air moves in all directions from the stove, it must be replaced, and so a circulation is set up. These stoves are expensive, but are worth every cent.

Above items may be seen at Energy Alternatives on High st., Greenfield.

Mahar Overcrowding a dilemma for now and the future

Recently Erving, New Salem, and Wendell residents received questionnaires proposing alternatives to the overcrowding at Mahar Regional Hish School in Orange. Fourty-five Wendell students are enrolled at Mahar. The school was built to house 800 students. Total enrollment is currently 1,100.

Len Lubinsky, Superintendant of School Union #28, says, "Present elementary enrollments indicate that the Mahar enrollment should remain stable." That is, it should not get more crowded, but the crowding will not lessen without decisive action by regional school members. The questionnaire which Lubinsky distributed is a new step in finding alternatives to adding to the present school. Seeking alternatives has been prompted by frustration which has arisen from trying to win approval for an addition. A complicated mixture of the tax situations in Orange and Erving has helped to create and maintain a roadblock to this addition.

Lubinsky noted, "Not as many responses to the questionnaire have come in as I would like [but] I will continue to compile them as long as they come in." The information compiled will be used by a soon tobe formed School Planning Committee (for secondary alternatives). It will be the job of this group to reccomend the next step to solve this dilemma.

Wendell is at a turning point with this problem. Decisions now could have a long-term impact on the experience of secondary education for Wendell students. Wendell parents and the community in general have a vested interest in the outcome of these decisions. Their input will be most influential if it is offered now. Because of the importance of this decision, the 'Wendell Post' plans to make regular reports on this problem in upcoming issues.

Michael Idoine

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New Hours for Dump

Kenny Wing, Town Dump Custodian, recently called attention to a reduced schedule of dump hours. He pointed out that this would save the Town more than $1,500 in wages to him.

The new hours were accomplished by eliminating Wednesday from both the summer and winter schedule. Wing noted that business is so slow during the week that this change would cause minimal inconvenience. He also pointed out that the dump will be open at least every other day. (See 'Posting Place' for schedule.)

Rural Arts Program

The New Salem/Wendell Rural Arts Program sponsored a performance and five class sessions in mime at the Swift River School in October. Ed McCarthy, of the Amherst Mime Theater, led a group of fifteen children in a stimulating and creative introduction to the art of mime. The Rural Arts Program plans to hold another mime class in January for those children who were not able to participate in the first class.

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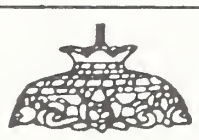

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Outdoors In Wendell

by Myron Becker

The reflections of bare limbed trees on the glass-like surface of the pond were distorted by the rises of feeding trout. A fin or tail occasionally breaking through the surface indicated that the fish were feeding on small critters just below the surface.

The afternoon sun warmed my back as I gently cast a small wet fly to the nearest fish, moved it slightly and struck as the water swirled where my fly had landed. The foot long Rainbow catapulted into the air as he felt the barb, his silver sides gleaming in the golden late afternoon light. By 4:00 PM it was getting dark and cold as I waded back to shore with three hefty fish in my creel and perhaps ten others released unharmed to the dark waters.

Dreams of spring to come? Hardly, this was only a week ago in mid November, a season that usually finds me in the woods and fields with a shotgun in my hands. One day I tried hunting, but it didn't feel right in shirt-sleeve weather. When the Mass. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife extended the fishing season to all year they gave us permission to fish, but when Mother Nature extends Indian Summer to mid November, who am I to refuse some of the best fishing of the entire year?

Now a light snow covers the ground. It is time to hunt. If I didn't have a deadline to finish this column, I'd be in the swamp listening to the howls of the beagles and watching for the white ghost of a Snowshoe Hare bounding out of the laurel and into the stew pot. If I can hit him, that is. From what I've seen and heard from other hunters, the rabbits are in great shape this year; bountiful because of the gentle past spting and the abundance of good cover in Wendell. The dense hemlock swamps in the highland nooks and crannies that are the beginings of our small streams are where you'll find them. A good beagle or hound to smel 'em out and chase them around in their long circular route, yelping and baying as they go provides the musical score, and more meat in the hassenfeffer. For most "jack" hunters, the music is more importan than the meat. The meat however, is delicious.

Recipe for Hassenfeffer: Immerse one quarted Jack in a marinade consisting of;

- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1 cup cider vinegar
- 1 sliced onion
- 2 or 3 bay leaves
- 6 pepper corns
- 3 cloves
- 1 tsp sugar

for twenty four hours. Remove meat from marinade and dredge in a mixture of 1/2 cup white flour, 1 tsp. ground black pepper, and 1 tsp. salt.

Heat bacon grease in skillet til smoking hot and brown rabbit pieces on both sides. Lower heat, sprinkle with 1 Tbs. flour, 1/2 cup marinade and 1/2 cup water or stock. Simmer for 45 min. covered. Serve with rice or noodles.

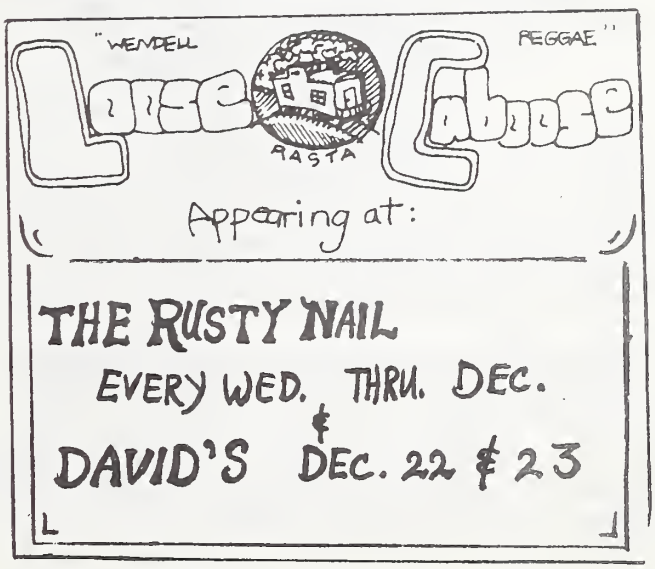
The Ruffed Grouse or "partridge" are around but don't seem to be as plentiful as last year. Maybe they're just getting smarter or have moved to different cover. I can't hit the wiley birds anyhow. Anyone who wants to tell me or show me where they are cordially invited. I promise I won't print the information.

Squirrels are not only plentiful but overpopulated. They will either be harvested by hunters or winter and predators will thin down the population. Quietly "sitting for" or stalking the grey bushy-tails with a .22 is great practice for the deer season. (It is legal to hunt them with a .22 in this part of the state.) Fried squirrel, tasting like chicken with a slightly nutty flavor is one of the most savory of meats to be gleaned from the woods.

The deer seem to be as abundant as they have been in the past few years. Archery season is here and more hunters than ever seem to be taking this sporty approach. Shotgun season is the first week in December. Hopefully Wendell won't see too many orange colored bozos from the big cities.

Please remember the basic rules of safety and courtesy. The public image of hunting and hunters is in your hands.

See you in the woods.



Posting Place

WINTER DUMP HOURS

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Police Log

10/12/78 Motorcycle found off Jennisson Rd Unknown owner.

10/18/78 Two subjects apprehended at micro wave tower for trespassing.

10/22/78 Juvenile assaulted and attempted rape on Wendell Depot Hill.

10/26/78 Two car accident at intersection of Farley Rd. and Depot Rd.

11/ 2/78 Motor vehicle stolen from Maple Valley School.

11/10/78 Don Stone arrested and charged with drug violation.

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Library Selections For Young Adults

Tina Cohen, Wendell Free Library trustee, reported recently that the Library is updating and expanding its young adult collection. The Trustees are "hoping to provide more pertinent and lively literature for Wendell teenagers."

Some of the more popular titles are related to favorite films. Sample titles are "Jaws", "The Exorcist", "Serpico", "Deliverance", "Lady Sings the Blues", and "Summer of '42". Ms. Cohen noted that "suggestions for book purchases are always welcome."

Property Transfers

Alfred H. Haskins of Turners Falls sold property on New Salem Road to the Connecticut River Watershed Council of Easthampton. (A clause in the deed provides for the protection of trees containing nests of the Great Blue Heron.)

Irene Rush and Sheila Rowe of Orange sold property on Montague Road to Virginia Davis of Wendell. (land and building)

Nancy Ferron sold property on East Street (the little house by the church) to Donald and Robin Mackey of Morse Village Road, Wendell and Greenfield. (land and buildings.)

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Auction & Food Sale

The Ladies Aide is holding a Chinese Auction and food sale on Saturday, December 9th, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall The proceeds are going towards the Annual Christmas Party. If you have any new articles around the house you would like to donate, call 4-6471 (ask for Pearl). In the Mormon Hollow Area of Wendell, call Linda at 4-7178. If you cannot donate an article, maybe you can make something for the food sale.

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Happy Birthday This Month

to Golden Agers Warren and Dett Oliver, Agnes Telling, Betty Thompson and Virginia Wheeler.
CONGRATULATIONS, ONE AND ALL!

Lou on the Loose

Racing winter or racing the music business, our hometown melodians are busy changing with the season. This November found Fairchild in transition, Outerspace in action and Loose Caboose on the run.

Outerspace's Tenth Anniversary Reunion Party overwhelmed the Warwick Inn Saturday, November 18th with most of Wendell's past, present and future music community in attendance. Members of Magic Music, Fairchild, Rollin' Moon, Sundance, and Loose Caboose joined a capacity crowd in witnessing a wild show that was anything but nostalgic. Spirits were high as the Spacemen, with a sprinkle of old favorites, showcased the new directions and influences that have developed within their musical family. Featured especially were the songs of Elliot Osborn, Compton Maddux, and Dave Robinson, all three beginning to make waves with their respective bands in N.Y.C..

A HIGHLIGHT?

That would have to be an eerie theatrical version of Compton's satire "I'm Just a Clone of Myself".

Music Business Insight;

most record companies already have 45 rpm singles written and recorded to cash in on the "-irth" of the first clone.

Hmmmmmmm....

Spaceman Klondike Koehler has recently been rehearsing on bass with Duncan Nichols and Larry Forbes of Fairchild, guitar and drums respectively. Pat Jones has left the group and lives in New Jersey No word on Pat's playing pursuits but Larry's completed a new jingle for the Orange Savings Bank while he and Duncan plan where their music will take them. Their short appearance at the Space warm-up party Friday night was very impressive. Any adventurous keyboardists out there with Arp tendencies?

Caboose wants you! The Loose ones can be seen every Wednesday this month, and December too, at the Rusty Nail in Sunderland. The management there invented a new drink and call it "Loose.... Caboose" and sell it for ¢35. If that doesn't interest you, the Nail dispenses, for each regular cover charge, a half price admission coupon, good for any Caboose Wednesday.

The Nail is very sweet on the Caboose with two opening act offers, neither of which, unfortuneately, could be scheduled. Early October found the Caboose nearly derailed by an equipment theft in Boston, a light-fingered house painter, and three short-notice gig cancellations. As a result, those Reggae Rockers are hustling for solid bookings as they head into winter, the most difficult season for a traveling band. Caboosites will notice a lot of new material this month and next as some new originals and band favorites emerge to give the old standards a deserved rest.

Doug Huntington, now on drums and bassist Jeff Mendel, both late of Magic Music, are very excited about their new band in New Jersey, but think it's too soon to know if the presonnel will gel as a permanent group. KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON!

And last but not least, anyone interested in performing at or organizing a coffee-house night in Wendell should contact Lou at 4-3106 or c/o Caboose, Box 184, Wendell, Ma., 01379 and I'll tell you what I know.

That's all for now, I'll see you at the show.

Lou Caboose

"Wendell Post" Art Exhibit

All kids are invited to submite Art work to be printed below the masthead of the "Wendell Post". All subjects are invited and the only limitations are that you use black ink, and that your drawing fit the space of 1" X 6½" A different drawing will appear in each new issue.

Send your drawings to:
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If you are interested in hiring someone to clean your house, tutor your child, or shovel snow, please contact BOB PITRE, counselor at Maple Valley School. 544-6637

Special Town Meeting

LOWERS TAX RATE, SPENDS REVENUE SHARING FUNDS, RE-ESTABLISHES FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Selectboard, Town Treasurer, and Finance Committee, separately or together could not fully explain how $78,000 accrued to the Free Cash Account. The Town Meeting did decide, however, to use Thirty Thousand dollars to lower the 1979 tax rate. The November 14th Special Town Meeting acted on six other money articles and two articles establishing bylaws for the Finance Committee.

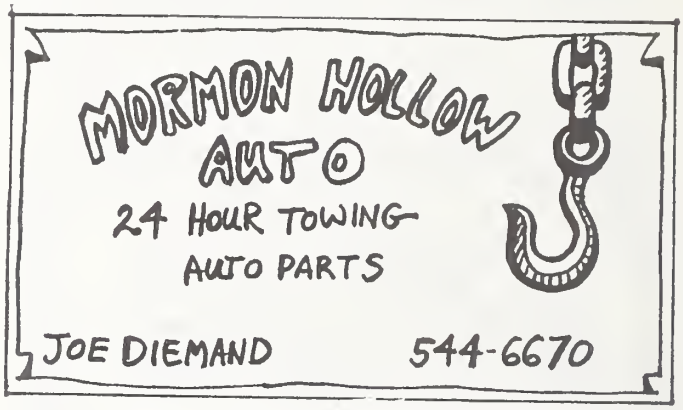
While Selectmen Lewis and Simos, Treaurer Simos and Fin. Comm. member Stone presented different theories on the origin of the $78,000 in Free Cash, there was no mystery that town voters want tax relief. Article Two on the Warrant carried by voice vote to use $30,000 to ease the tax burden of the 1979 tax bill. The Finance Committee figures that the tax rate could be lowered $2.50 to $3.00 per thousand based on last years valuations.

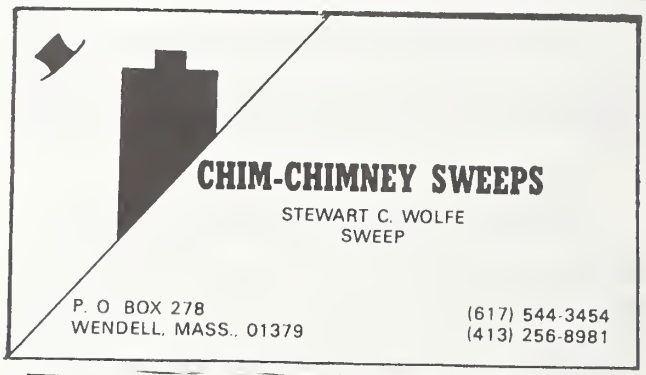
More than $13,000 expenditures to be paid by Federal Revenue Sharing Funds met Town Meeting approval. These items were covered by Articles 3, 4, 5, and 6. The Town Highway Dept. shall have up to $5,000 to buy a used road grader. Dependable access and savings from not renting were primary reasons given for this machine. The Police Dept. was allowed up to $850 for new radio equiptment. Chief Everett Ricketts of the Wendell Fire Dept. persuaded Town Meeting members to give him all of the $2,900 he requested. He described the importance of radios for the safety of firefighters, and the effectiveness of fire protection. He thus overcame Finance Committee objections to the lack of communications equiptment co-ordination amongst town departments. The new radio equipment will cost $2,300.

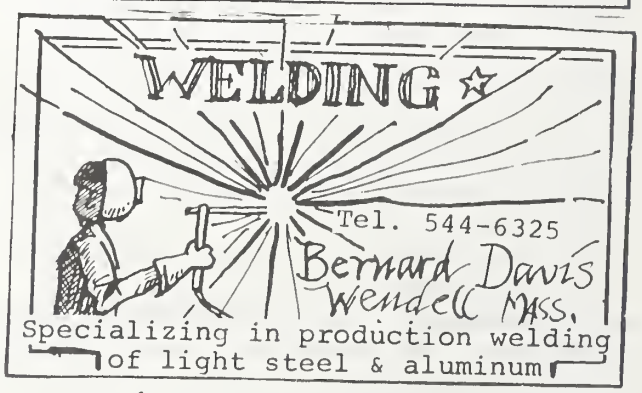
Up to $5,040 will be used to make repairs and refurbishments of the Town Hall. Discussion centered on the procurement of workers to do the job and the aesthetics to consider in making some of the changes. Selectman Lewis assured the Meeting that citizen input would be encouraged in making decisions about color, lighting, etc..

After this spending spree, the Town Meeting refused a $260 request to contract snow-plowing for the '78-'79 winter on Old Farley Road. Meeting members were wary of assuming further responsibility for this unimproved road.

Articles 8 and 9 were taken in reverse order. Article 9 presented a set of bylaws to govern the establishment and functions of the Wendell Finance Committee. Most of the discussion centered on the proposal to appoint this committee rather than have it elected. The primary concern is to assure that the committee will be a representative cross-section of the Town's population. It was decided that the selection committee will consist of the Selectboard Chairperson, the Town Moderator, and the senior continuing member of the Finance Committee. Important functions specified by the bylaws are the collection of department budgets and presenting recommendations before Town Meetings.







Gold Star Mothers Sought ?

In honor of Veteran's Day, the 'Post' had thought we would like to publish a list of Wendell's Gold Star Mothers, mothers who lost a child in the service of this country. We were unable to find a complete list of this information, and would be interested and appreciative of any help concerning this matter.

Selectmen's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall
October 3, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis, with Maurice Cole also present. Ken Simos was attending a meeting in Greenfield concerning a proposed CETA project.

Approved the minutes of the Sept. 19, 1978 meeting. Signed the weekly payroll and bill warrant.

Signed and turned over to the Dog Officer a warrant to kill unlicensed dogs.

Set November 14, 1978 as the date for a Special Town Meeting.

Discussed the Chapter 90 road project with the Road Boss.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore E. Lewis

October 17, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was signed. The minutes of the Oct 3, 1978 meeting were approved.

Dog Officer, Tom Bardsley, requested that the Board consider a portable kennel [barn] with enough wire for two runs.

Road surveyor, David Bardsley, said that Felton has stated to him that he does not want the Bank Run Gravel Bid. He has agreed to turn his bid over to C.D. Davenport.

Made the following appointments;
Acting Civil Defense Director-
Ronald DuCharme
Board of appeals-
Helen Boland,
Jim Woodward, and
Muriel Addison
Representative to the Overall Economic Development Committee-
Thomas Sogard, and
Archillo Sullo
The discussed proposing an article.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry S. Willison III,
Clerk

November 7, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis, with the full board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved and signed. The minutes of the October 17, 1978 meeting were approved.

Discussed the Chapter 90 project with the Road Superintendant, David Bardsley. David said that the windshield of the loader was broken by a tree limb this week.

Road salt bids opened Oct. 31, 1978.

Eastern Minerals-$33.60 per ton delivered. The board rejected this bid.

Warner Brothers-$2.80 per ton.

Northfield Sand and Gravel-$2.40 per ton. Town awarded this bid.

The board requested that all budget requests for the annual town meeting be in their hands by January 2, 1979 in order that they might be processed in an orderly fashion by the finance committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore E. Lewis

New bulletin board at Farley Road intersection has been erected to serve as an additional town information posting place.

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Headstart teachers Carol Graves and Peggy Colling relax in the library of the newly remodeled Center School. Teacher Laurie Dunham was not present.

Interior of the newly remodeled Center School, and a sandbox which has seen a long day of play.

Wendell-New Salem Headstart-Open House

November 20th/7 to 8:30 p.m.

An invitation was issued to all the community to come and see the renovated school building in Wendell Centre and experience the early childhood program. Visitors met with Laurie Dunham, the head teacher; Carol Graves and Peggy Collins, the assistant teachers and Lorraine Wing the Wendell Commonwealth worker, who has charge of the transportation and helps with the meals.

Refreshments were served.

The Headstart program is the result of the combined effort of Mr. Leonard Lubinski, Superintendent of Schools, School Union 28, working with the New Salem-Wendell School Committee and the Policy Council of Head Start. Sarah Younglove, Director. Others responsible for the program from Head Start are Barbara Lassek; Educational Co-Ordinator, Anne Beauchesne; Parent Involvement, Lois Belliel; Wendell Assistant and Ellen Patrick; Social Service Co-Ordinator. Elva Hutchison is the Head Start nurse.

This program stresses involvement with the parents in order to be successful.

Head Start Parents Meet

On October 26th a parents meeting was held at the Head Start School. Sarah Younglove explained the philosophy of Head Start, the Center Committee, importance of parent involvement, and the Policy Council.

Transportation problems with the Wendell and New Salem routes were discussed. With the present set-up, Head Start does not have access to the van for parents to come on Monday and for those who do not have their own transportation.

Sarah described how they could use a Commonwealth Service Corporation slot to hire someone to do the busing for Wendell, using the Head Start van. Parents decided this would be the best solution.

A parent is needed to serve on the Budget Committee.

Cheryl Richardson did not feel she could allow the Head Start van to be used for field trips as long as she was responsible for the maintenance of it. After some discussion, Cheryl resigned as driver of the Head Start routes and turned the van back to them.

Appreciation was expressed to Cheryl and her mother who have done a fine job of providing transportation since the program began.